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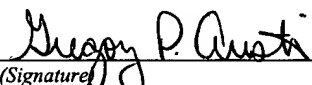|			
Applicant:	Jay M. Short	Art Unit:	1652
Application No.:	09/753,752	Examiner:	D.M. Ramirez
Filed:	January 2, 2001	Confirmation No.:	1890
Title:	SCREENING METHODS FOR ENZYMES AND ENZYME KITS		

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a submission after the Notice of Appeal mailed December 16, 2003.

The requested extension is for four (4) months, extending the period for from February 16, 2004 to June 16, 2004.

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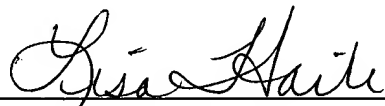Page 2

Applicant claims **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application.

Enclosed is Check No. 561128 ($1,125.00) in payment of the request for continued examination fee ($385.00) and the four (4) months extension of time fee ($740.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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